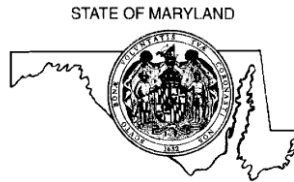


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Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Minutes

Chair Moon called the public meeting to order, via teleconference, at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners present by teleconference: Chair Moon, Commissioners Conway, Falcone, Jefferson, Lucht, McLean, Olsen, Ontaneda-Bernales, Pollak, Todd, and Worthington

ITEM 1.

PROPOSED ACTION: COMAR 10.25.01- Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program

Janet Ennis, Chief, Small Group Market, presented for final action by the Commission, COMAR 10.25.01, regulations regarding the Health Insurance Partnership, the premium subsidy program that will be available to certain small employers in Maryland beginning in October. On May 15, the Commission adopted COMAR 10.25.01 as both proposed and emergency regulations. Ms. Ennis said that staff received no formal written comments on the proposed regulations. She said that several non-substantive changes have been made to the proposed regulations. Staff recommended that the Commission adopt these revised regulations as final regulations of the Commission. Following discussion, Commissioner Pollak made a motion to adopt the proposed regulations as final regulations, which was seconded by Commissioner Krumm, and unanimously approved.

ACTION: COMAR 10.25.01 - Small Employer Health Benefit Plan Premium Subsidy Program – are ADOPTED as Final Regulations of the Commission

ITEM 2.

PROPOSED ACTION: 10.25.07 - Certification of Electronic Networks and Medical Claims Clearinghouses

Rex Cowdry, M.D, Executive Director, said action on COMAR 10.25.07, proposed permanent regulations governing certification of electronic health networks and medical claims clearinghouse, were added to today's agenda in order to reduce the long agenda for the Commission's September public meeting. Dr. Cowdry said the Commission is responsible for certification of networks handling medical and financial information transactions in Maryland and that current regulations required that the networks and clearinghouses be accredited by the Electronic Health Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC). He said the changes to the regulations recommended by staff for adoption as proposed permanent regulations would modify the Commission's electronic health network review process to recognize an accrediting or certifying entity equivalent to EHNAC. Commissioner Ontaneda-Bernales made a motion to adopt the proposed regulations, which was seconded by Commissioner McLean, and unanimously approved.

ACTION: PROPOSED ACTION: 10.25.07 - Certification of Electronic Networks and Medical Claims Clearinghouses are Adopted as Proposed Permanent Regulations.

ITEM 3.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m., upon motion of Commissioner Todd, which was seconded by Commissioner Conway, and unanimously approved.